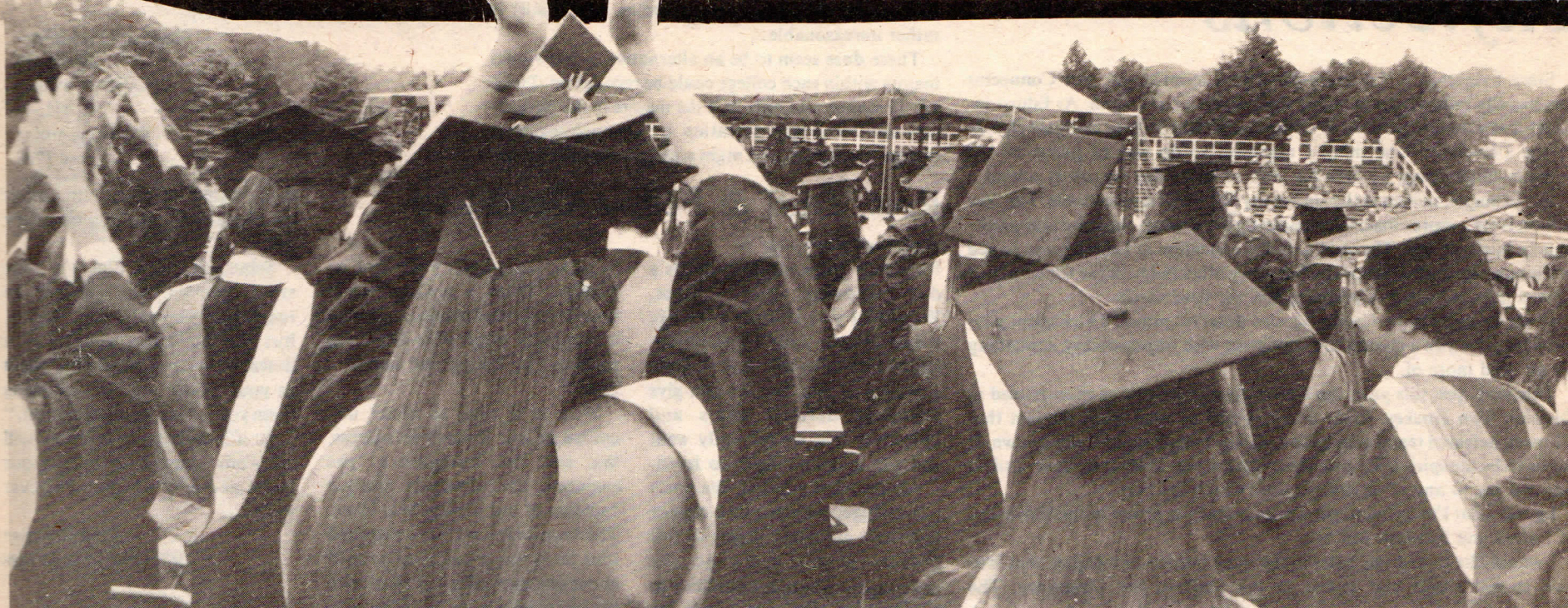


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A Parting Shot...

This is it. The end of four glorious educational years. The climax of a lifetime of schooling. Two weeks from my last final at Lowell, and five weeks away from a full time job. So why am I writing this article?

This is an inspiration.

This is for all the underclassmen who can't see the light at the end of the tunnel. — Don't look for it, but just accept the fact that it does exist.

This is for the hypocrites who sit back and complain about this university, and never raise a finger to help out. Grow up or shut up. The people who make this university what it is don't

need to hear criticism from the nobodies who do nothing.

This is for the people who bust their tails to make what we have better. To the students and the administration, who find the time to make this university continue to grow in a positive direction... You have my respect.

This is a salute to the class of 1979. The first official graduating class from the University of Lowell, we have survived the merger.

This is a request to those who'll be busting their tails next year... Let's Keep It Grow'n.

—Doug Haydock

President Duff, Faculty, Family, Friends, And Fellow Graduates:

Through the seemingly endless time and devotion, University of Lowell's efforts will be reflected in everything we do from this moment on. Though its name is not accoladed in fame, University of Lowell must be considered a leader.

We are a graduating class of 2500. Each of us, perhaps, has had a different reason for choosing Lowell. Whether it was to get answers to our questions, learn to write, run a business, sell merchandise, explore new horizons in science, attain peace of mind, develop a better personality, or achieve success in any other activity which is intimately tied to our living and makes for a fuller life.

However the coin fell, when we started we were ready to begin one of the most important projects of our lifetime. Our decision to enroll in Lowell was a sound investment in both ourselves and our futures. Through our determination and effort, our dreams and the dreams of our parents will turn into reality this month.

University of Lowell has enriched our lives and has taught us to grow.

Successful living and the continued progress toward a more successful vocation demands deliberate thinking through major and minor choices, sorting out our real ambitions from wishful thinking, and determining the price of our wants in terms of their costs in time and effort.

We must admit that success is a tremendous undertaking—it is not a small task. But we identified ourselves as some of those rare individuals who were willing to pay the price for success when we began our training at Lowell.

What do we really want out of life? This is probably the most important question we could ask ourselves. Most people will never ask the question and very few ever answer it.

Our minds are constantly full of wants and wishes. But what are we willing to give in exchange for these wants and wishes? To achieve is not merely to gain something. Webster says, "to achieve means to perform, to accomplish, to carry out successfully." Which means steady purpose, continuous effort, and a logical approach to the project. This is, in effect, the way we were

taught to reach our objectives. We did indeed apply this effort and achieved our wants and wishes.

The primary objective is to try to determine what we want out of our lives and what we do not want. It is our wants in every field of endeavor that provide the drive for attainment. To progress toward a more successful life, we were willing to take on additional learning and education in the areas affecting our ability to get ahead. Wanting and ambition provided the motivation. But this in itself was not enough. We had to apply patience, confidence, desire, enthusiasm, optimism, and determination.

Carl Chessman, an accused, convicted murderer, fighting for his life on death row, learned more law in a short time than most lawyers do in a lifetime. He

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Late Registration

All students in satisfactory academic standing who did not register in April will be allowed to register on August 30, 1979. Registration will take place in the Costello Gym from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A \$10 late registration fee will be charged. Please notify the Registrar's Office of your intention (either to register or withdraw) as soon as possible. No students will be allowed to register after the above date.

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Sat-Sun May 26-27 Closed

—Rosanna Kowalewski
Ass't. Dir. Alumni/Lydon Library

State College, University Merger Urged

The University of Massachusetts would expand from its present three campuses to envelop the ten state colleges, the University of Lowell, and Southeastern Mass. University under a reorganization plan for public higher education proposed by Boston State College president Kermit Morrissey.

This plan is the first specific proposal which takes into account the problems of limited funds and declining enrollments. Funds would be saved since duplication of programs and useless spending would be eliminated.

In a document putting forth the proposal, Morrissey also pointed out other problems caused by the five different boards running the state's 31 public colleges and universities, stating that the present system "encourages the inefficient use of specialized talent needed in remediation programs, fails to provide the access opportunities many of the unenrolled youth need, and does not take into account the changing school-going patterns of commuter students."

Morrissey also claimed that the separate boards do not preserve separate identities or goals of the different schools and have no effect on the characteristics of students choosing to attend one of these institutions.

As for the Board of Higher Education, Morrissey sharply criticized the existence of such a "toothless tiger" because it has only advisory powers. Instead of this board and the state college and university trustees, Morrissey recommends the establishment of a 21-member Board of Regents with budget control and authority to eliminate, merge, or expand current academic programs and shift faculty and other resources between the campuses.

In response to Morrissey's proposal, Board of Higher Education Chancellor Edward McGuire praised Morrissey's plan, but suggested that his board be granted the necessary powers to function as the chief financial officer of Mass. public higher education rather than establishing a new board. He also praised the plan for setting up a city university for Boston made up of the Hub's five state and community colleges.

The outlook for passage of this reorganization plan by the Legislature is bleak at the moment, but Morrissey's plan demands attention since his plan for raising tuitions at the public institutions to 25% of cost was used as a model for increasing revenue to offset rising operating costs. In this way, Morrissey's reorganization plan could become a model for future higher education reorganization.

—Bob Weisman

COMMENTARIES

Reflections

Since I resigned as Editor-in-Chief four months ago, **The Connector** has steadily improved and so has the University of Lowell. As Editor-in-Chief, I saw many occasions to criticize and ultimately to instigate change in the University. One thing I neglected to do was to praise all the commendable things we take for granted every day we are at school.

For example, tuition at the University of Lowell is reasonable. This low tuition is even more amazing considering the average class size is approximately thirty people. The quality of the education at Lowell is renowned in the engineering disciplines and in many other fields. If the University of Lowell does anything, it prepares you for your career.

In other respects the University also deserves praise. The student government gives you a chance to experiment with responsibility, something we all need more of.

This year, yes; this year, the University of Lowell was unsurpassed in Division Two Hockey. Pride in this seems to stem from the fact that ULowell defeated teams that have a hockey budget many times its own. It seems to be the spirit at ULowell to make the best of what we have, and no one can say to any of us that we didn't earn the best.

I guess what I'm trying to get across is that I'm proud of the University of Lowell and I always will be.

I would like to end this letter in the same fashion as it began, that is to give special credit and praise to the Staff of the **Connector**. The **Connector** is better than it ever has been.

—Eamonn P. Hobbs

Seniors - It's Our Graduation!

May 26th...During the Graduation Ceremonies, each of the seven colleges of the University will be recognized. Doesn't this seem almost meaningless as a graduation ceremony? Standing among several hundred students, to be recognized for only a few seconds is very impersonal. This process was voted for by Student Representatives and the Graduation Ceremonies Committee instead of a ceremony where each graduate would receive a diploma. Waiting for over 1600 people to receive their diplomas individually is rather unreasonable...

There **does** seem to be an alternative — individual majors within each college could be recognized. There are 76 majors and only 57 if the majors in the elementary and secondary education are grouped together. Graduate students and night students could be recog-

nized separately as groups, but could also be recognized for their majors at the same time as the Day students. The graduation would be much more meaningful this way, and wouldn't take up very much more time...The next Graduation Committee meeting takes place on May 15th. This proposal for recognizing individual majors will be presented to them then, and must be approved by a majority vote.

This is **our** Graduation Ceremony.
How do **YOU** feel about it???

—Barbara Frackiewicz
Box 1495
Collette Lavallee
Box 1546
Chris Tremblay
Box 1739

Pres. Duff & Fellow Graduates

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frequently spent eighteen hours a day studying the subject. Wouldn't you if your very life depended on your legal knowledge? Few of us will have so great a motive as this. But we can give ourselves definite goals and objectives that we fervently want and will make us eager to learn.

All growth is gradual. We don't just change, we grow into change and there are many stages to this process. Several years ago, the newspapers gave much publicity to a very elderly lady who made the announcement that she was going

to walk from New York to Los Angeles. When a reporter asked how she expected to accomplish such a seemingly impossible task, she replied, "by taking one step at a time."

Now it is time to chart our course on our journey to success. We are the navigators, the engineers, the helmsman, and the captains of our destiny and ideas. The knowledge we have acquired thus far in this project can be used as our charts to steer our ships with understanding and judgment. Our alternative is to go to sleep at

the bottom of the boat and permit the elements to take us where they will.

Schurz once said, "ideas are like stars, you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on a desert of water, you choose them as your guides, and in following them you reach your destination."

So it is with great pride we will carry our Alma Mater both in our heads and in our hearts wherever we go.

—Paul Cormier
1979 Graduating Class

News Briefs... 4/29-5/6

Carter, Kennedy Clash On Energy

Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy accused the Carter Administration of "throwing in the towel" and bending to oil lobby whims during a speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors in New York last Monday. Kennedy, in a speech concerned with the growing power of special interest groups, accused the oil lobby of intimidating Carter into decontrolling oil prices and "submitting a token windfall tax that is no more than a transparent fig leaf over the vast new profits the industry will reap." To this statement, Carter responded, "That's just a lot of baloney."

Energy problems were on everyone's mind last week as gas stations closed during the April 28 and 29 weekend since the gas stations ran out of their monthly allocations. Also, there were many reports of price gouging by these stations. Even more drastic shortages are predicted for the Memorial Day weekend when only 35-40% of the Massachusetts gas stations are expected to remain open.

In California, Gov. Gerry Brown imposed a gasoline rationing plan in an attempt to ease the current shortages and long gas lines in that state. The plan, which could go into effect by Monday,

forces motorists with license plates ending with an odd number to buy gas on odd-numbered days while motorists with even-numbered plates would buy gas on even-numbered days. This action was taken in the wake of some violent incidents involving motorists waiting in hour-long gas lines.

British voters enabled the country to have its first woman prime minister as Margaret Thatcher's Conservative party swept to victory in the House of Commons. Thatcher's crusade against socialism gave the Conservatives a 71 vote lead in the House, ending the Labor party's long-time hold on that advantage.

The Labor party lost considerable support due to successive strikes by many labor unions throughout the last two years which have severely crippled England's economy.

On the home front, Gov. King requested and received a 10-day extension from the Senate, allowing him to ponder action on the 4% tax cap on his desk without the bill going into law by a **de facto** process last Thursday. The governor, who is not happy with the 4% cap, says he will take final action on Wednesday. However, the delay has brought criticism upon King because he advertised himself as the "can-do" governor.

This Week In The Rat

Thursday — 8:00-1:00
Last Folk Night featuring
Ed Priest
Special — Rum & Tequila
drinks / 60¢
Friday — 3:00-6:00
Happy Hour! featuring
Matt Dillon
8:00-2:00
TV & Stereo
Special — Lite / 25¢
Saturday — 8:00-1:00
TV & Stereo
No Alcoholic Beverages will be
served
Sunday — 8:00-1:00
TV & Stereo
No Alcoholic Beverages will be
served
Monday — 8:00-1:00
TV & Stereo
Special — Gin drinks / 60¢
Tuesday — 8:00-1:00
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Wednesday — 8:00-1:00
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INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

University of Lowell 1978-79 All-University Champs

BASKETBALL — MEN'S FLAMES

Greg Smith, John Sheperd, Bill Stanton, Colon Haywood, Fritz Prophete, Jimmy White

BASKETBALL — WOMEN'S MIXED NUTS

Lauren Chin, Dorothy Shugrue, Laurie Bellerville, Sara Jackson, Nora Smith, Nancy Tessier, Margie Hart, Alicia Berube, Debbie Quadri, Joanne Batos, Joanne Bak

MEN'S FOUL SHOOT

Tim Bassett, (PHM), 24/25

MEN'S SUPER SHOOT

Jimmy White (Flames), 25/25

MEN'S HANDBALL DOUBLES

Larry Martin, Harry Rubenstein

BADMINTON — MEN'S SINGLES

Hemant Dave

BADMINTON — MEN'S DOUBLES

Hemant Dave
Shripathy Villasagar

HOCKEY BOGUS IV

Ralph Guyer, James Moriarty, Tom Martin, Tom Bromander, Mark Dinnie, Greg Smith, Joe Palange, Joe Rosati, Nigel Dolder, Doug Murphy, Cher Couillard, Bill Frydryk, Jay Giblin



RACQUETBALL — MEN'S SINGLES

Dan Zabbo

RACQUETBALL — MEN'S DOUBLES

Dan Zabbo, John McHale

RACQUETBALL — WOMEN'S SINGLES

Lauren Chin

RACQUETBALL — WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Lauren Chin, Debbie Quadri

CO-ED RACQUETBALL

Lauren Chin, Fred Mis

FACULTY RACQUETBALL SINGLES

Brian Kelleher

FACULTY RACQUETBALL DOUBLES

Joe Burke, Bill Burke

ROAD RACE — MEN

6.2 MILES — 10,000 METERS

Mark Lefrancois, Time: 34:22

ROAD RACE — WOMEN

6.2 MILES — 10,000 METERS

Sue Taylor, Time: 44:20

SOFTBALL — MEN'S BAD NEWS BOYS

Mike Fitzgerald, Moe Marquis, Jim Pierria, Tom Curran, John Galanto, Dave Chanel, Wayne Sauer, Jeff Puppel, Wade Fiegal, Billy Bucuzzo

SWIMMING & DIVING

100 Yd. Freestyle — Men

NO SOAP RADIO — Scott Pustis

100 Yd. Freestyle — Women

FISH/ODYSSEY — Sue Alquist

50 Yd. Breaststroke — Men

William Moon

50 Yd. Breaststroke — Women

DOLPHINS — Cathy Jarvi

100 Yd. Freestyle Relay — Men

DK — Lally, Bates, Bonarrigo, Scinto

100 Yd. Freestyle Relay — Men

DK — Time: 52:06 — Lally, Bates, Bonarrigo, Scinto

100 Yd. Freestyle Relay — Women

FISH/ODYSSEY — Time: 59:44
Stewart, Alquist, Driscoll, Trombley

1 Meter Dive — Men

Todd Karner, Points: 68.55, Team: DK

1 Meter Dive — Women

Pam Nichols, Points: 78.60, Team: FISH ODYSSEY

100 Yd. Medley Relay — Men

Team: NO SOAP, Time: 1:00.16

Pustis, Harris, Robillard, Curran

100 Yd. Medley Relay — Women

Team: DOLPHINS, Time: 1:12.35

50 Yd. Freestyle — Men

John Labroad, Team: P.H.M.

50 Yd. Freestyle — Women

Denise Distefano, Team: DOLPHINS

50 Yd. Butterfly — Men

Mike Bower, Team: P.L.P.

50 Yd. Butterfly — Women

Sue Alquist, Team: FISH/ODYSSEY

50 Yd. Backstroke — Men

Robert Moon, Time: 32.48

50 Yd. Backstroke — Women

Bonnie Stewart, Team: DOLPHINS

All-University Champion — Men
Team: P.H.M.

TENNIS — MEN'S DOUBLES

Patrice Rouso, Simon Benarroyo

TENNIS — MEN'S SINGLES

Patrice Rouso

TABLE TENNIS — MEN

Wayne Morris

TOUCH FOOTBALL — MEN'S

Team: P.H.M. — Tom Columbus, Bob Ricciardi, Nick Moise, Mike Manzo, Kevin Kelly, Jack Molignano, Frank Lopilato, Joe Keohane, John Kaczynski, Al Beinor, Rick Nohelty, Paul Doherty, Ted Williams, Ralph Tomaiolo, Bob Mondor, Brad Barbin, Jim Gattuso

PASS, PUNT AND KICK

Tom Columbus, Team: P.H.M.

TRACK

100 Yard Dash:

R. McAnespie

220 Yard Dash:

Steve Kincaid

440 Yard Dash:

T. Fleming

880 Yard Dash:

A. Robinson

Mile Run:

J. Bradford

2 Mile Run:

R. Brown

Javelin:

A. Housianitis (Soccer)

Shot Put:

A. Housianitis (Soccer)

Discus:

T. Fleming

Long Jump:

M. Doyle (P.L.P.)

High Jump:

K. Rillings (Chem-E)

Mile Relay:

Team: D.K. — Pratt, Bates, Lally, Perry

TUG-OF-WAR SMITH-EAMES

Dan Vantour, Steve Naggio, Ken Gauthier, Bruce Blandin, Mike Champagne, Margie Hart, Sandra Garavento, Debbie Quadri, Joanne Kember, Roberta Ransom

TURKEY TROT — MEN'S

Mark Lefrancois, Team: SOMF

TURKEY TROT — WOMEN'S

Kristine Hunter, Team: SWE

TURKEY TROT FACULTY & STAFF

Bernie Shapiro, Team: FACULTY I

TURKEY TROT

Team: R.S.A.T.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

GREENWAVE — John Daigle, Robert Relihan, Judi Allison, Ed Fritz, Fred McCall, Sharon Sullivan, Peggy Rivard, John Reis, Elaine Burke

WRESTLING — MEN

126 Lbs: Jim Andersen (P.H.M.)

134 Lbs: Stephen Joly (P.H.M.)

142 Lbs: Shawn Harty (GONADS)

150 Lbs: John Carroll (GONADS)

158 Lbs: Phil Beati (OP)

167 Lbs: Bob Bassett (GONADS)

177 Lbs: Mike Grubba (P.H.M.)

190 Lbs: Tony Aliberti (P.H.M.)

Heavyweight

Lenny Westover (GONADS)

Team: P.H.M.

WRIST WRESTLING — MEN

Up to 150 Lbs.

Richard Brown

151 - 175 Lbs.

Mark Lefebure, Team: DK

176 - 200 Lbs.

Richard Archambault,

Team: P.H.M.

201 - 225 Lbs.

Ray Ellie, Team: CREW

Over 225 Lbs.

Rodney Young,

Team: VETS CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS TO
PHM . . .
OUTSTANDING
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WINNER OF THE
PRESIDENT DUFF AWARD

To G.C. — Have a happy 22nd and 6th! It's kind of nice to have 2 days in a row to celebrate, one for you, one for us. The next 6 will be even greater. All my love, Mare

Ann and Karen, thanks for the room. Genevieve, thanks for the mattress.

Spaz, I kind of like that new name. It reminds me of Jo-Jo's ex-fish.

S&J: Don't worry this is only a phase I'm going thru. I'll be my normal self soon and will have forgotten all about these springtime fantasies. Dark Star

FOR SALE. 1973 MUSTANG, Blue w/white vinyl top, p.s., p.b., a.c., auto. \$2,000. Contact Box 1604N

To My Seagull Friend: The semester may be over but summer's just beginning. Signed: Mr. Pelequin. P.S. I Love You.

To Fred (and Barny) — "ME" (and Tilly) say "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY"

SUMMER OPENINGS. Part and Full Time. Local office concern. \$180/wk or 90/wk for a minimum of 16 hours. Local address and car necessary. Call 251-8381 mornings only.

JUDY, alias Marilyn M., did this make your semester?! Hope so! Guess who??

CONGRATULATIONS
TO
TOMMY COLUMBUS
1978-79
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ATHLETE

MORTON — Don't worry, we've saved a bed for you! B & J

Look out 'cause I hear Dale Warnings have been posted!

To OB of 1808, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR OB . . . HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

How does it feel to be 21 years of old age? Can I call you "Victor Mature?" Have a great day cutie! A FRIEND

STACY — What?!? Number 11 - in one week! Now I definitely need a directory. By the way, what's your secret? How's the guy with the "sexy sneakers?"

ALEXINIKOS, have you been "skipping" around lately? I hope not. Don't forget . . . get buzzed on 5-27 — look out P.I., 'cause here we come!

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CLASSIFIEDS

Happy Birthday, Aune. Love, Tina, Sandor, and Jesse

Dear K.C., Let's have another listen to your tape. the Sunshine Band

L.A.D. — Best wishes to you and your new camera. The Ex-Prez

Dear P.S. — As a serious "artiste" photographer, I think I have an axe to grind with you and your friends — I never give up my negs. D.N.H.

Beth: You've done a great job on the paper this semester and I'm looking forward to seeing you next fall. Have a nice summer and try not to wear a hole in the "Doobies". Rick

Lenny: I understand that your club is having a Waffle Day tomorrow! With plenty of syrup and 'mellons. Don't forget the sandwich! (Huhgh-Huhgh-Huhgh . . .)

Kathy Peterson: I've noticed you running a lot lately. I think you are cute. I'm glad you won your election. Have a nice summer. I'll be looking forward to seeing you in September. Secret Admirer

To Bambi, thanks. It was you who got us, some of us, through this year. How can we thank you. Just stop by sometime. Your best fans, the boys on 10.

4-SALE . . . FISH!!!! New and used . . . For more info contact Rich somewhere in Towers . . . Serious buyers only!

Sorry twins, no scrotum.

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Peg O My Heart — Well this is it kid. Thanks for the companionship during all those nights of drunken obliteration. Here's hoping that next year will be even half as insane as this one! You know it!

Fred Garvin — Male Prostitute: It's so HARD to get an appointment these days but it's worth the wait! Satisfied Customer

Terra, Thanks for puttin' up with all my shit this year. It's been fun. But how 'bout if we just chuck the dishes out the window from now on. Saves on detergent and makes me easier to get along with. N . . .

L.B. — Looking forward to a great summer spending it here with you. And by the way, a little birdie did tell me. D.S.

FOR RENT — Furnished. Lowell, at Tyngsboro Line. Condominium apartment - like new - 1 BR - 1 1/2 baths - Lg. L.R. - D.R. - Mod. Kitchen - Ample Closet Space - Washer & Dryer - Beautiful front view of River. No pets - ideal for executive or Prof. Couple. 1 yr lease - Avail June 1 but would prefer 10 months - Sept thru June '80. \$525 month (heated) call 459-2618

Maryann, Wisdom of the future looks bright With a radiance of light And pouring out its insight So that we too might Aspire to our greatest height Don Juan

The "Unable To Pick-Off Queen" goes to Martha Miller, who has been unsuccessful for the past four years.

Roch — How's Marilyn?

Karen: Now that you have broken up with Bob, is it true that you are seeing Gary? I can't believe you. Don't forget to study for finals too!

To all you HOOCHES on 17, Good luck in all your finals. Thanks for a SUPER SEMESTER (well at least one that I'll never forget, and that's for damn sure)!!! MA and Betsy thanks for the hospitality on all those Friday nights; you're the best! And to Carol, Shari, and Joanne, thanks for "PASSOUT". Remember PK, "get in there you ball!" Have a great summer. That's it . . . OH BALLS!! With love, Poker Jan

Chinks and Drinks are good, but "JELLO" and cream are MUCH better . . . "ME"

To A Good Friend: An old "Brunswick" Proverb: A rolling bowling ball gathers no moss! I'm going to miss you. Signed: The "M.T.F." Molester.

To the Connector Staff: Thanks for printing all my personals. When do I get my own column? I'm really disappointed that I didn't get recognition in the Disconnector, but maybe next time. Dark Star

To all my friends: This has been a year of incredible ups and downs for me. Thank you for standing by me during the downs when I couldn't stand for myself and thank you for sharing my ups because you make them all worthwhile. Till next year, Happy Birthday! Dark Star

MARTHA, How does it feel to know 70% of the male students at this school intimately?

QUESTION: Who is the only girl to strike out with the whole 8th floor in one night? **ANSWER**: Martha Miller

Vito "Lillian" Manetti, For the past 7 months, there is one thing I have learnt, "life wouldn't be the same, if I didn't have a sweetheart who is so burnt." You're always on my mind. Michelito



Photo by Rick Allen

New Program Aids Students Who Study Abroad



Photo by Bruce Arakelian

Victoria Gargano and Paula Grivas will be studying language and art in Italy this summer. Laura Kliggerman will be in Spain, Walter Manning in Heidelberg, Julie Root at the Sorbonne, and John Garrity will travel to London.

These students made their plans independently, and have benefitted greatly from a newly organized program for students who study abroad. Among other things, the program cuts most, if not all of the red tape that can make schooling in Europe a difficult endeavor. It offers assistance with booking air passage, obtaining international identification through the U.N., and transferring of credits. Dr. Forbes Madzongwe keeps in contact with students while they are away to make traveling easier and has helped them organize a club so that more students can take advantage of this opportunity. For more information, students are welcome to talk with John Garrity, president of the Student Study Abroad Club, and Dr. Madzongwe, Dean of International Students.

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Well Done? Huh! That Was Magnificent

The University of Lowell Theater Company (the Players) finished their theatrical season with Pippin. The show took place from April 25 to 28, at Cyrus Durgin Hall, and proved to be an excellent alternative to the washed-out Spring Carnival. Pippin is the story of the son of King Charlemagne named Pippin, and his search for himself. The story does make a good point by showing the futility of Pippin's search for nonexistent ideals, but entertainment comes first. The expensive costumes, flashy special effects, driving upbeat music, give Pippin a slick Broadway look, and unfortunately leaves the story a bit shallow. The entire first half of the show could have been condensed into five minutes, but think of all the dancing you would have missed. The slick style comes at you from the opening number Magic To Do. The song has a driving rhythm, and is complete with magic tricks, juggling, fog effects, and ends with several explosions. Slambang theater has reached its peak. The opening number is followed by a summation of Pippin's childhood. After we meet the adult Pippin, he breaks into a song about finding himself. From here on in we see the set up for the conflict between Pippin and his father. Along the way we meet Lewis, Pippin's stepbrother, a man in love with himself; Fastrada, Pippin's stepmother and mother

to Lewis; and finally Berthe, Pippin's grandmother. During the entire show the narration is lead player. He tells us what is going on, and has charge of the players. The players provide the atmosphere for the show with their dancing, singing, and their portrayal of several different characters. Pippin is in the middle of all this and seems to be reacting to all the commotion rather than initiating any action. Near the end of the first half of the show Pippin reads a newspaper and finds out that his Dad is not such a nice guy when it comes to any public unrest. The first half ends with Pippin deciding to take action against his father's policies. (Finally something interesting.) Pippin assassinates his father and finds out his father wasn't as bad of a ruler as he thought. Nothing ever turns out the way he plans. Enter Catherine the widow and owner of a big estate, who finds Pippin unconscious on the roadside, and brings him in and restores him to health. He eventually becomes a part of the household, working on repairs, and takes an interest in Catherine's son. When Catherine decides to give a special dinner in honor of the six month anniversary of Pippin's arrival he leaves. He feels there must be more to life than the farm. When he returns to the outside world in utter despair, the players suggest that he should set

himself on fire giving the show a great climax, and ending his life with a perfect flame. He decides not to kill himself, but to go back to Catherine and the simplicity of farm life. Lead player decides that if Pippin is going back to the farm there'll be no magic from now on, and he takes away the music, the lights, the costumes, and the make-up. Pippin now steps from the idealistic to the bare reality.

The U.L.T.C. did well with the show, the performers handled their parts sufficiently. Steve Murphy was convincing as well as a delight to watch as Pippin. Fred Carbal had his hands full with Lead Player, but his smooth dancing, satanic nature, and great singing, gave him command over the stage, and the sequence of events. Fastrada, the scheming step mother was played fantastically by Abby Booth. She brightened up the stage with her comical dichotomy of sweet mother, and underhanded plotter. Andrew Campbell was Lewis, and boy, was he Lewis. After a very boring, poorly lit and poorly staged battle scene, we meet Berthe, played by Sandy Stewich, she was a very necessary pick me up.

The show was a lot of work, technical hassles, but turned out well. But, from now on every show must be that good.

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